

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ENRG, MEX  
SUBJECT: NORTHERN MEXICAN GAS

1. ALFREDO VARGAS, PEMEX MANAGER OF THE ZONA NORTE  
ANNOUNCED IN VERACRUZ FEBRUARY 21 THAT 72 GAS PRODUCING  
STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN THE SABINAS BASIN. VARGAS  
MAINTAINED THAT TWICE AS MUCH GAS COULD BE PRODUCED FROM  
THESE STRUCTURES AS MEXICO CURRENTLY CONSUMES (1.6 BCF/D).

2. NEWS ACCOUNTS CARRYING VARGAS' STATEMENT DID NOT  
INDICATE WHETHER THESE WERE ALL NEWLY LOCATED STRUCTURES  
OR WHETHER FIELDS AROUND MONOCLAVA AND OTHER KNOWN NORTHERN  
DEPOSITS WERE INCLUDED IN THE COUNT. DURING COURSE OF  
STATEMENT VARGAS MADE OFT REPEATED STATEMENT THAT MEXICO  
WOULD NOT SELL GAS TO THE U.S. AT LESS THAN 2.60. THOMPSON

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